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Letter dated 11 June 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Poland and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to you the annexed information concerning the Treaty on Good Neighbourliness, Friendly Relations and Cooperation of 18 May between Poland and Ukraine.

We should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly under items 12, 69, 79 and 98 of the preliminary list.

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Annex

Information concerning the Treaty on Good Neighbourliness, Friendly Relations and Cooperation between the Republic of Poland and Ukraine of 18 May 1992

We have the honour to inform you that on 18 May 1992, in Warsaw, Poland and Ukraine signed a Treaty on Good Neighbourliness, Friendly Relations and Cooperation, for a period of 15 years with automatic extension for periods of five years unless revoked. The Treaty will enter into force following ratification.

The Treaty marks the beginning of a new era in the relations between Poland and Ukraine and constitutes a firm foundation for cooperation between the two countries in the interest of stability and peace in Europe.

The preamble to the Treaty confirms the two countries' allegiance to the principles of the United Nations Charter, the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Paris Charter for a New Europe. It underscores respect of Poland and Ukraine for human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as their adherence to the ideals of democracy and justice.

Both countries are convinced that the rich historical heritage of Polish-Ukrainian relations will assist in expanding cooperation between the two fraternal nations, contribute to their cultural development and that of Europe.

The parties to the Treaty pledge their respect for international law, reaffirm the inviolability of their borders, refrain from making claims on each other's territories at present and in the future.

They confirm their will to cooperate actively for peace and security in the European region, to promote disarmament with respect to both weapons of mass destruction and conventional armaments, to settle their disputes in a peaceful manner and not to allow aggression of a third party against the other party from their territory.

The two countries have indicated their intention to hold systematic consultations on questions of security, on the harmonious development of their relations and on multilateral cooperation. They have also decided to regulate their military cooperation under separate agreements.

The contracting parties intend to create conditions for developing interparliamentary contacts; they have also decided to hold meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs not less than once a year.

An important part of the Treaty is devoted to economic cooperation, in particular in the field of trade, investment, protection of copy and patent

rights and science and technology. The two countries will facilitate the cooperation of their public and private enterprises, and assist one another in establishing and developing markets.

The Treaty also sets the basis for cooperation in transport and communication, environmental protection, prevention of transborder pollution, applying environmentally sound technologies, especially in border areas. The parties will strive to eliminate radiological, chemical and biological threats to the environment and will be establishing a system of early warning and mutual assistance in cases of emergency. They intend to adopt separate agreements on environmental security and cooperation.

The two countries will promote direct contacts between their regions and cities, especially in border areas. They will set up an intergovernmental commission to deal with these issues.

The Treaty provides for the protection of ethnic national minorities in accordance with European standards and norms and for the preservation of their national identity, in particular education in their mother tongues, ensuring the right to establish their own institutions and associations, and to practise their religion.

Poland and Ukraine will promote cooperation in the field of culture, science and education, sport and tourism. They will ensure the freedom of exchange and contacts between their citizens, social and political organizations, scientific and intellectual associations.

Each of the parties will open, on the basis of separate agreements, cultural and information centres in the other party's territory.

Each party will ensure material and legal protection of the other's cultural and historical heritage. They will cooperate in revealing and restoring cultural and historical objects which have found their way illegally into the territory of the other party.

The Treaty also envisages improving legal and consular relations, legal assistance in civil, penal and administrative cases. It foresees cooperation in fighting organized crime, terrorism, crime related to drug trafficking and illegal trade in works of art, and in providing security for civil aviation and shipping.